



with your help, eastgate students can
'spread their wings and fly'

Dear Eastgate Families,

The Eastgate PTA invites you to attend our auction, '**Spread Your Wings and Fly**', to be held at the **Red Lion Hotel Ballroom, Bellevue on March 31st, 2012**. This bi-annual auction is a fun, adult only fundraising event that will feature delicious food and sweet treats, as well as a no host bar. The hallmark of the evening will be one of a kind, original art created by students from each of the classrooms at Eastgate Elementary. They will be displayed and available for purchase in a live auction which will also feature other fabulous items donated by local businesses. There will also be a series of silent auctions where many wonderful items and experiences can be purchased, all proceeds going to support the wonderful programs offered and facilitated by the Eastgate Elementary PTA.

In 2010, the PTA auction fundraiser raised an unprecedented \$76,700 which benefitted the students at Eastgate with such programs as Art Imagination (Docent), Young Authors Day, The Science Fair, Marine Biology Study, Pacific Northwest Ballet Residency, and the Visiting Instructor PTA Program (VIPP) to name a few. The PTA also supplements the school with Library Books, Additional Teaching Materials, a Specialist Fund and Literacy Kits. With your support at the 2012 auction, we can ensure that Eastgate students continue to enjoy these benefits.

In addition to enjoying a fun evening, parents and family members can assist the PTA in meeting their goal with a tax deductible donation. A donation of goods, services or your time is invaluable in making the auction a success. Some examples of what make excellent donations for auction:

- **Professional Services:** Do you, a friend or family member have valuable services to offer such as Contracting, Interior Design, Graphic or Web Design, Event Planning, Dance Instruction to name a few.
- **Job Perks:** Does your employer offer benefits such as discounted software, designer goods or club memberships that can be donated. These items will be a big draw for bids at our silent auctions.
- **Travel or Entertainment:** Do you have air-miles, a timeshare or vacation home, tickets to sporting events, restaurant gift certificates or other forms of entertainment that could be donated. These can be bundled with other similar parent donations to create an exciting getaway package.
- **Do You Have Friends or Family who Would Benefit our Auction:** Do you have a personal connection to a local business owner. Do you know a local celebrity, sports or entertainment figure, who would provide access to their time or memorabilia which can be auctioned at our event.
- **Personal Goods, Time or Talent:** Antiques, Artwork, Babysitting, Host an event you create... 'Girls Night Out', 'Dinner Cruise', 'Amazing Race-Scavenger Hunt', kids theme parties or deliver a gourmet or authentic ethnic meal...these are often the best sellers at our auctions. Don't feel that only a large donation will be helpful. Many smaller items can be bundled together to create a wonderful auction package.
- **Cash sponsorship is always appreciated.**

If you have goods or services to donate, please contact the **Auction Procurement Chair, Sarah Howard at eastgatehrp@comcast.net** to arrange for pick-up. Additional procurement forms are available in the Eastgate Office or can be printed online at <http://www.cfmm.com/media/7003/19749.pdf>. Deadline for donations is February 17th 2012.

If you have questions regarding donations or would like the Auction Procurement Team to contact a potential donor on your behalf, please contact **Robyn Fuller at rfuller@hoarch.com**.

Thank you for your support,
Eastgate PTA, Auction Procurement Team